THE FIFTH ANNUAL

UNITY HONORS

Community

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Unity Fellowship Church Atlanta

Elder Tony Jones,
Founder and Pastor

PROGRAM

Unity Honors Community 2008

Hosts – Mellonee Rheams and Antonio B. Hart

Welcome/Introduction of Hosts	*Rev. Maressa Pendermon*
Food Blessing	*Minister Janice Smith*
Dinner	
Purpose	*T. Jewell*
Tribute to Special Awardees	*Imani Evans*
Awarding of Special Awards	*Archbishop Carl Bean Award* *Elder Tony Jones Founder's Award* *Mary Anne Adams Award* *Tony Daniels Memorial Award*
Tribute to Community Awardees	*Chiii Jackson and Taniah Morgan*
Awarding of Community Awards	*Tracee McDaniel* *Jeff Graham* *Yolo Akili* *Rev. Kathi Martin* *Mia Mingus* *Paris Hatcher* *Lamont "Montee" Evans*
Entertainment	*Anyé Elite*
Awarding of the Community Organization Award	*ZAMI, Inc.*
Special Recognition	*Rev. Maressa Pendermon*
Entertainment	*Demarco Stallings*
Community Charge	*Duncan Teague*
Closing Remarks	*Elder Tony Jones* *Rev. Maressa Pendermon*

Imani Evans

Innovative Life Coach, Author and Motivational Speaker

Imani Evans is Founder & President of a non-profit organization for women survivors of sexual & domestic violence in Atlanta, Georgia—Women Healing Women, Inc. She is a community change agent and has spent many years motivating others to creatively manifest their goals. She holds a Bachelors degree in Psychology and a Masters in Counseling Psychology. Imani has been a social change agent for more than 18 years, working with several non-profit agencies throughout Atlanta, New Jersey and New York. She has successfully served a wide range of populations, including survivors of sexual violence, mentally ill clients, breast cancer survivors, seniors, people living with HIV/AIDS and families experiencing homelessness. Her areas of organizational expertise are creative program development, staff training, and coalition building.

Evans received Special Congressional Recognition as director of a national breast and cervical cancer awareness program. She has facilitated workshops across the country for such organizations as: Georgia Homes and Services for the Aging (GAHSA), Newark Day Center, Miss Teen Plus Scholarship, YWCA-National, TEDCO Lincoln House, Blue Cross & Blue Shield, National Black Women's Health Project, MELD Program for Girls, and Dance to a Different Drum.

Imani is the author of "Today is the Miracle: A 30-day guide to overcoming challenges and creating miracles" and the creator of an anthology entitled, "My Heart – My History, a collection of stories from the heart". She has been featured in Atlanta's Creative Loafing newspaper; New Jersey Star Ledger newspaper; Clickque magazine; Atlanta's KISS 104.1 & WRFG radio shows. Her inspirational articles have been featured online in a monthly column entitled, "Living Authentically" and on Preach2me.com.

Imani Evans is a dynamic speaker, who captivates an audience with passion, inspiration, and humor.

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ARCHBISHOP CARL BEAN AWARD

Dwana Nichols is a native of Atlanta, GA. She is a graduate of Carver High School, job corps, and Atlanta Technical College. Dwana is a faithful and long- term employee of Carolina Logistics and the very proud mother of two teenage children, Maya and Malcolm. Dwana has served diligently at UFC, Atlanta for the past 3 years in whatever capacity she's needed, serving as usher, youth worker and church custodian; and has been unwavering in her support of Unity's social justice agenda. She is a proud, out lesbian that believes that "closets are just for clothes."

ELDER TONY JONES AWARD

Asha Leong has been an activist in the LGBTQ community for the past 11 years brings a deep commitment to cross-movement organizing and social justice. Leong served at Lambda Legal where as a Senior Outreach Associate and was responsible for community organizing, training and community building across the southeast. While at Lambda Legal she played a lead organizing role in Lambda Legal's national "Blow the Whistle on Workplace Discrimination" campaign, served as the editor for "Bending the Mold: An Action Kit for Transgender Youth", and organized two town hall meeting tours across the southern region on sodomy laws and LGBT marriage.

In addition, Leong has significant political organizing and ballot campaign experience. She served as Campaign Manager for South Carolinia Equality Coalition for the 2006 campaign against South Carolinia's anti-gay constitutional amendment. Leong was also a part of core campaign leadership for the 2004 Fairness for All Families campaign in Georgia, she was responsible for all field efforts, managed 10 organizing teams around the state. She was also a

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member of NGLTF's team sent to assist Save Dade's 2002 campaign that helped successfully protect the local Human Rights Ordinance.

Prior to this campaign work, Leong developed a HIV prevention program for gay men in Charlottesville, VA, created a citywide LGBT coalition, and helped develop the National Day of Silence Project. Upon graduation from the University of Virginia in 1999 she moved to Atlanta to work with the city's LGBTQ youth as a Program Manager for YouthPride. In Atlanta, Leong founded the Ad Hoc Committee for Racial Justice to help challenge racism within our own LGBT community. In recognition of this work, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force awarded her their Community Service Award in the fall of 2000.

Currently Asha serves as an Online Organizer for 9to5 an organization focused on economic justice for low income women. When not rabble rousing with the queers Asha indulges her artistic side through writing, dancing, and performance art.

MARY ANNE ADAMS AWARD

Officer Darlene Harris was born and raised in New York City. She graduated from Benjamin Cardozo High School in Bayside Queens. While in high school, Darlene started working for the Forest Hills Community House as a peer counselor. Darlene worked her way up to the position of Evening Teen Coordinator, being the youngest person to hold this position at the age of 19. It was in this position that Darlene realized her passion for community service. Some of the accomplishments Darlene achieved while in this position are as follows, received the mayors prestigious "women waging peace award", graced the New York Newsday newspaper's profile page and was the subject of a five page newspaper article called "No Time To Cry".

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Although many people in Darlene's family have a career in law enforcement it wasn't until Darlene was shot in the face in March of 1997 that she took a personal interest in the field. Moving to Jacksonville, Florida Darlene became a security guard for eight months and decided that she wanted to service the community on a wider scale. So Darlene moved back to New York City and became a New York State peace officer. It was in this position of policing that Darlene realized she wanted to make law enforcement a lifetime commitment. After six years in New York, Darlene and her life Partner Joanne decided to move to Georgia with their two sons. After Darlene graduated cum laude from T.C.I. College she applied for the Atlanta Police Department.

In June of 2003 Darlene began her job as an Atlanta Police Recruit. After finishing the police academy, Darlene was assigned to Zone 2 precinct. After two short months Darlene was assigned a steady beat. After seven short months Darlene was transferred to the zone 2 Lenox mall sub-station. Darlene worked as a plain-clothes officer and was put on the warrant entry team. Darlene's supervisor Sgt. Culberson appointed Darlene to the position of Com-net officer, where Darlene was the liaison officer for the zone 2-business district and the Atlanta Police Department.

When Sgt. Locke retired from the G.L.B.T. liaison position July 25,2005 officer Darlene Harris applied. Since Darlene was apart of Sgt. Locke's "Out Officers Team", she attended most of the G.L.B.T functions that Sgt. Locke hosted, starting with the gay pride festivals in the summer of 2003 when Darlene was still a recruit.

Officer Darlene Harris became Atlanta Police Department's second G.L.B.T Liaison on Tuesday November 15, 2005 and is committed to continue the work started by Sgt. Locke. "I am committed to bridging the gap between the G.L.B.T community and the Atlanta Police Department. I will continue to hold the quarterly "meet and greets"; I will reiterate the GLBT mission statement to all zone F.O.D. roll calls, airport and our S.O.S officers. I will continue to assist the training academy in the instruction of recruits regarding the issues of the GLBT community. Present crime prevention classes to the GLBT groups and businesses. Ensure that bias crimes or crimes targeting the GLBT community is properly documented and notify the appropriate investigators unit. I will also be presenting some new ideas and plans to the GLBT community as well as the Police Department".

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TONY DANIELS MEMORIAL AWARD

Creative energy never rests and **Maurice Cook**, founder of EM Designs Group, is an incessant conduit of artistry.

Even as a student at Overbrook High School, the Philadelphia native flaunted his innate talents in the famed Art Magnet Program. At the urge of his art teacher, who noticed the work of the talented youth was polished enough to compete with any seasoned graphic designer, Cook pursued and acquired a Bachelors degree in Graphic Design/Fine Arts from the University of The Arts. After a couple of years of adjusting to life in the workforce, the proficient designer quickly learned that his industrialized hometown could not cultivate his talents. With one phone call, Cook flew to Atlanta during the 1996 Summer Olympic Games for a week. At the end of the trip, the fearless jet setter seized a new job and a new life.

Over the course of five years, Cook perfected his craft, working with the likes of The Atlanta Voice, CVI Publishing and HAAS Publishing. His creative genius, however, became flagrant while working as creative art director at Atlanta Gas & Light Company. During his tenure, Cook introduced advertising design to the company and played a crucial role in getting them to combine their video and graphic department, launching the company's first multi-media center. As the lead designer, the talented trailblazer created Atlanta Gas & Light's first intranet and internet websites. He also oversaw the designs of their in-kind/community marketing materials. In addition to his full-time job, he also received a plethora of freelance work, which produced an impressive portfolio. After years of creating cutting-edge campaigns that exceeded the expectations of clients, the natural born entrepreneur decided to step out on faith and start his own agency. Thus, in 2000, Cook established EM Designs Group.

EM Designs Group is a one-stop-shop offering all branding and marketing materials, which include logos, brochures, advertising, direct mail, as well as web design and video production. His clients include

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AID Atlanta, the Atlanta Voice, AC White Moving & Storage Company, New Birth South to name a few. The chic boutique agency is inundated with commercial development accounts from the likes of Columbia Residential, Capital Development, SUMECH, Essence Realty, SRES Properties and Infinity Development Group. As the principal creative director, Cook is the mastermind behind the branding and marketing materials for a series of highly publicized development projects: Park Place South, Columbia Edgewood and New Birth South.

As an openly black gay male and an advocate of the LGBT community, the savvy businessman utilizes his creative calling in several humanitarian projects. Maurice has donated his time as a volunteer for several community organizations such as Second Sunday, Brothers Back to Back, Phyre, and Deeper Love. Maurice is the founder of The Intimacy Group, a weekend intimacy retreat where black gay men learn the art of having intimacy. They also learn self-love, reliability and accountability. In addition, Maurice has blessed our community with his design talents yearly at Atlanta's Black Gay Pride Celebrations from the years 1998-2006.

Maurice's call to action was his own life awareness. "I saw myself in the mirror and did not like what was staring back at me, I didn't love myself, nor others, I was alone, living in a very dark space, trifflin' and just plain ol' tired." At that moment Maurice decided to become the change that he spoke about, but never lived up to. It was his introduction to the poet, activist, organizer, Tony Daniels that led him on the path of self love and self worth. "Tony was a bright light to me, an encourager. I watched him work tirelessly in the community and I noticed how much he loved our brothers and sisters and that he never thought that enough was enough. Today I work daily at keeping Tony alive in my work, my relationships, and my community."

www.emdesignsgroup.com

My name is **Chiii Bab'vein Jackson**. I was born in Memphis, TN were I attended school with famous raps MJG and 8 ball. I graduated in the top 10 of my HS graduating class of 210. My rank position was 7. In 2003, I won the amateur poet of 2003. Within that same year for 60 days I was casted as a broadcaster for WATB AM located on North Decatur Road with former friend Watuen Primerski. In June of 2003, my former editor Paris Frances Whitehead secretly exposed a selection called "Still Born" into the International Poet Society in which I won Best Creative Selection". "Still born" was among other winner from the Southern Regional. It was published in 2003 in a book called In Living Color. In December of 2006 I graduated from Herzing College with my BS in Computer Information Systems. While at Herzing, I worked as a school journalist from my Freshman through Junior term I'm the first in my family to earn a BS. In June of 2008, I completed my Master's in Network Communication Management. Currently I'm living and praising life one day at a time.

Taniah L. Morgan was born in Brooklyn, New York on March 3, 1991. Currently as a senior at Clarkston High School, she has been writing since the 7th grade. Her motivation is derived form the experiences throughout her life and reflection of the world around her. As she prepares herself for freshmen year of college in August 2009, Taniah has copy written a book of poetry and aspires to write a novel on her teenage life through poetry.

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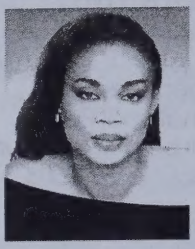

Tracee McDaniel is the Founder & Executive Director of Juxtaposed Center for Transformation, Incorporated a 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt organization..

JCT is currently operating as a 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt advocacy, and social services organization designed to socially, and economically empower transgender, non-gender conforming individuals, with a vision to act as a collective body to provide basic, necessary and fundamental services to the largely diverse, and complex transgender community.

Tracee was born and raised in Sumter, South Carolina, and in 2007, she became the first Transgender person invited to deliver a keynote speech at the annual "Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration March & Rally.

Supported and encouraged by her spouse of over thirteen years, she no longer chooses to be content with blending in, and living within the shadows of society and she strongly encourages other trans identified individuals to "show up, and participate" in all levels of community advocacy and to educate ourselves about the political process in order to ensure that "our voices are heard, so that our needs are met".

Previously, living in Los Angeles, California for over fourteen years, Tracee successfully established, and managed the Minority Aids Projects' Transgender Program providing access to risk reduction and prevention education materials to the Hollywood transgender community.

In addition, her alter ego Destiny (your mistress of illusions) has been an international performance artist entertaining on stage for more than 20 years and she's been featured in international feature films, and popular music videos.

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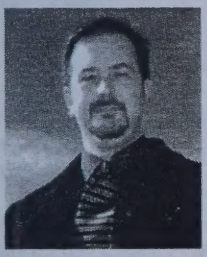
Two of her most memorable highlights as a performance artist was when she was hand selected to star as a back-up singer and stand-in for the original diva, Miss Diana Ross in her music video "I Will Survive". Also, she was featured in the Jackson's "An American Dream" VH1 Mini Series. Tracee has chosen to limit her stage appearances to exclusive engagements including, HIV/AIDS and Equality fundraisers.

Tracee is currently a Certified Peer Counselor working towards a college degree and she's active in various community initiatives and organizations, where she's previously as the Human Rights Campaign Diversity Co-Chair, an Atlanta Pride Committee Board of Directors, the transgender representative on the Atlanta Police Department TLGBQ Advisory Board.



Jeff Graham began advocating on LGBT and AIDS related issues as a college student in the mid-1980's in San Antonio, Texas. He relocated to Atlanta in 1989 where he served as the media coordinator for ACT UP/Atlanta for five years and was employed by AIDS Survival Project for 13 years, eleven of those as Executive Director. He remains active in HIV advocacy including serving as the chair of the Public Policy committee for the Metro Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council. His past legislative work includes facilitation of the Georgia AIDS Drug Assistance Program Task Force, a legislative workgroup focused on increasing state funding for HIV services, coordinating the local Georgia HIV Prevention Justice Alliance and service on the national board of the CAEAR Coalition, a group that lobbies Congress and the federal Administration on AIDS related issues.

Jeff has received numerous awards and recognition for his both his advocacy and nonprofit work from organizations such as the National Center for Human Rights Education, the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, Atlanta City Council and Southern Voice's Best of Gay Atlanta. He was named the Grand Marshall of the 1999 Atlanta Pride celebration. He and his partner of 20 years reside in southeast Atlanta.

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Yolo Akili is a spirit expressing human through the lens of an activist, astrologer, poet and much more. He is the author of the critically acclaimed chapbook "Poems in the Key Of Green". He works with numerous human rights organizations including Spark! Reproductive Justice, and The Atlanta Queer Literary Festival. He is currently an Instructor and Trainer on staff at Men Stopping Violence, a social change organization dedicated to ending violence against women, and is studying Iyengar Yoga Theory & Practice & Yoga of India School in Sandy Springs.

Rev. Dr. Kathi E. Martin is a community "bridge builder" who believes we are more powerful change agents when working together than when we are divided. She is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Additionally, she is the former pastor of First Immanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church; and founder of God, Self, and Neighbor (GSN) Ministries; Dr. Martin presently serves at The Victory Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia and is a board member of the United Church of Christ Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns. She is also the founder of a gathering of organic spirituality call The Interactive Faith Café.

A staunch activist in the LGBT community, Dr. Martin has lobbied on the federal and state level in support of the Hate Crimes Bill and the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), as well as against the Marriage Amendment. She is an active ally to the transgender community and has been the keynote speaker for the Atlanta Transgender Day of Remembrance. Dr. Martin has spoken at various local and national events including The National Coalition of Gay and Lesbian Concerns, In The Life Atlanta, and Miami Black Gay Pride. She has also participated on numerous panels and conducted workshops on LGBT concerns at Spelman College, Morehouse College, Agnes Scott College, Emory University, The

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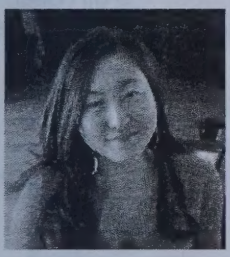
Black Church Summit on Sexuality, and various church and civic organizations.

Dr. Martin holds a Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing Engineering Technology from The New Jersey Institute of Technology and a Master of Divinity from The Interdenominational Theological Center. She also holds a Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary, where her project was entitled: *Wounded and Healed in the House of a Friend: The Faith Experience of African American Gay and Lesbian Persons.*



Mia Mingus is one of the Co-Executive Directors of SPARK Reproductive Justice Now in Atlanta, Georgia. She believes that reproductive justice is crucial in the struggle for social change and the fight to end oppression. As a queer disabled woman of color transracial adoptee, she recognizes the urgency *and* barriers for oppressed communities to work together and build alliances for social change. Though her activism changes and evolves, her roots remain firmly planted in ending sexual violence.

Paris Hatcher is a passionate, radical feminist activist dedicated to working for justice and liberation. As a life long Southern Snob, Paris has been organizing for over 10 years, on the community, campus, and international level. Her activism is rooted in an intersectional approach which validates the lived experience of individuals and communities and works to challenge all systemic oppression. Paris' activist interest focuses on gender liberation, in particular movements, such as reproductive justice, gender and racial justice and equity, ending sexual violence, queer communities of color, the South, and research that explores historical legacy as a motivator for current social movements. She has her Master's in Africana Women's Studies and is currently the Co-Executive Director of SPARK Reproductive Justice Now. When not grinding hard for justice, she loves to dance, read, laugh, give, cook, honor warrior women, queers and playing with gender, the outdoors, home renovation, doggies, daydreaming about liberation, and to spend time with her family and community.

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L. Montee Jamal Evans was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. He is the great great grandson of slaves, grandson of sharecroppers and **son** of a strong Black woman and man. Montee is a native of the Midwest, having received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from DeVry University in Chicago, Illinois and currently working on his MBA from Emory's Goizueta Business School, the 6th best business school in the world. Evans comes from a good stock of brothers and sisters. He has been in Atlanta since 1999.

Montee has been involved in Black Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender communities (*affectionately referred to as the Beloved Community*) since the early 1990s with his first involvement being on the board of directors of Blacks Assisting Blacks Against AIDS. He is the Founding Father of St. Louis' Black Gay Pride organization, with 2008 being the eighth year of the organization's existence. Montee is a human rights and social justice activist, both domestically and internationally. He is committed to ensuring that the presence and rights of the Beloved Community are honored. Montee has and continues to serve on countless boards of directors, both domestically and internationally.

In 2001, Montee along with two Black Gay Men founded his nonprofit organization – Healthy Black Communities, Inc. where the mission is *to provide programs and services that foster healthy behaviors and lifestyles within the Black community, both domestically and internationally.* This organization serves as the lead for the planning, direction and guidance of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, a national community mobilization initiative to get Black Americans educated, tested, involved and treated around HIV/AIDS. Montee also started his own consulting firm – mojaevans Professional & Publishing Services, LLC in 2002 *to provide consulting services to individuals, nonprofit organizations, small minority businesses and local communities.* In 2004, Montee took his work international to Ghana, West Africa and works with African LGBT community members to reduce stigma

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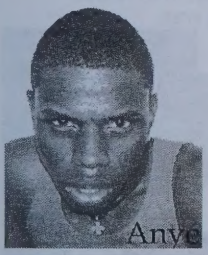
and raise awareness about who and what we are as LGBT individuals. He also does a host of HIV/AIDS prevention education and awareness programs in Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire. In October 2008, Montee became the Acting Chair for **Second Sunday of Atlanta,** a Black Gay Male discussion group founded in 1992 that believed all Black Gay Men are valuable and deserve respect, celebration and freedom. This group meets every second Sunday of the month to discuss key issues pertinent to the lives of Black Gay Men.

Montee has received a number of awards, plaques and recognitions. His work is both domestic in the United States and International in key parts of West Africa. Montee resides in the West End area of Atlanta and is single. His life message – **we are the Beloved Community, no less than the stars and the trees and we have a right to be here.**

For more information on Montee, you can Google or Yahoo his name.

ENTERTAINMENT



Anyé Elite began singing at various night clubs in the Central Florida area The Other Place, Groove, and Club Zeeba. And made local history has the first openly gay high school representative when he won the Mr. Mainland High School competition in 2005. In May 2006 Anyé made his South Florida debut as a headlining performer for the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life". He's also worked with the University of Miami and the Future Leader's of the World (FLOW) program to create a performance arts piece that would tour the Miami-Dade area educating youths on HIV prevention.

In late 2006, Anyé released his promotional demo "Todo De Mi" featuring the popular lead single "Everytime We Make Love" to rave reviews.

2007 Began with Anyé in Atlanta, Georgia. As well as joining the Elite Family, Anyé helped to co-ordinate Atlanta's first week long celebration of African-American Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual &

Transgendered History aptly titled PHYRE (www.afterthephyre.com). In light conjunction with that effort Anyé also modeled for the "Question Homophobia Campaign" as well as the "Deeper Love Project Homepage". Anyé is featured in the Southern Voice and CLIK Magazine where he shares his moving coming out story.

Demarco Stallings

I am one of three children born to my parents in Goldsboro, North Carolina. I grew up in church. Everybody in my family works in Ministry. My father, Clarence Hamilton, was my pastor for over thirty years. My mom served as "first" Lady. My family was also musical. My mother sang and played the piano and my uncles were musicians. We just grew up playing and singing in church.

My singing abilities were further cultivated while I was a student at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. I soon traveled to sing and conduct choirs and work in the music department at my father's church. When recording gospel artists "Ted and Sherrie" performed at my father's church they needed back up singers. My family including myself stepped in. My singing comes from divine inspiration from my mother. My mother's belief was not to sing the people's spirits but to their souls. With that in mind the songs I chose to sing deal with success, victory and triumph no matter what they might look like.

Everything to do with God's singing ministry is timing. I feel like this is the time for whatever God has for me to do. It is right now. This is the ordained time in my life and I know God is shining on me.

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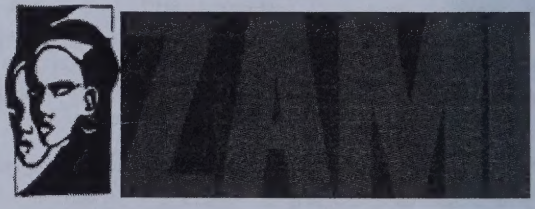

ZAMI, n.

A Carriacou word meaning women who work together as friends and lovers. The name ZAMI also honors the late Audre Lorde, a Black lesbian feminist who was poet laureate for New York State and who wrote the biomythography ZAMI: A New Spelling of My Name.

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ZAMI, Inc. is a not-for-profit collective for lesbians of African descent residing in the Atlanta Metropolitan area.

ZAMI's primary mission is to empower and affirm the lives of lesbians of African descent through scholarships, leadership development, support/ discussion groups, social activities, drum performances, outreach and education.

The organization also provides a forum and affirming space for the voices of lesbian writers of color.

ZAMI sponsors special programming to develop the leadership potential of young lesbians and to honor the life and legacy of Audre Lorde.

COMMUNITY CHARGE

Duncan E. Teague

A prolific humanitarian, civic and civil rights leader, artist and poet, and HIV/AIDS advocate/educator

Duncan E. Teague is a lay minister at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta since 2004. He is a guest speaker at the First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta and at the former Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marietta. He is a facilitator of the "Spirituality and HIV" workshop of AID Atlanta's AIDS 101. He is pursuing a Masters of Divinity degree at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in hopes of becoming a fully fellowshipped Unitarian Universalist minister.

Teague was one of the 2008 ZAMI Honorees as an Atlanta Unsung

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Community Activist, also was a keynote presenter at the Gay Spirit Vision's 2007 Fall Conference, Highlands, NC.

Teague, as the senior member of the ADODI Muse; A Gay Negro Ensemble, is a respected performing artist and published poet. The ADODI Muse have been gracing the stages nationally and locally with their out and proud performance poetry since 1995.

Teague was most recently the Recruitment and Retention Coordinator at the AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA). He has worked in HIV/AIDS prevention, education and/or research for more than twenty years.

Teague is happily married to his long-time companion of fifteen years, David Thurman.

SPECIAL THANKS

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OUR MISSION

Unity Fellowship Church Atlanta clergy and members are charged to walk in the power of LOVE, as Jesus, the Christ taught and lived. Therefore, in order to demonstrate the essence of LOVE in our lives we will:

Feed the hungry and shelter our sisters and brothers
Visit and care for the sick and shut-in
Comfort and Pray with the distressed
Clothe the naked, touching all those who desire our compassion
Affirm the disavowed
Empower the disenfranchised and
Love Everyone